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EXPAND FISHING INDUSTRY;  
EQUIP ALL BOATS WITH RADIO

MODERNIZE FISHING INDUSTRY -- Berlin, Wissenschaft und Fortschritt, Jul 51

The people-owned fishing industry in Sassnitz has been undergoing rapid expansion and modernization. The SAS [Sassnitz?] fishing fleet, which in 1945 consisted of only 12 cutters, now comprises 134 vessels, including 124 cutters having a length of 17.6 meters and 100-horsepower capacity, and ten 150-horsepower cutters, 21 meters long. The vessels have an average speed of 8-9 knots. The crew generally consists of a skipper, a mechanic, and two deck hands.

Formerly, the fishing boats went out singly, but recently, so-called brigades of six-eight tugging teams (two boats each) have been introduced. One boat puts out a net 35-40 meters long and the other handles the dragnet line. The vessels, cruising alongside each other about 100-120 meters apart, drag the net along at a speed of 2-4 knots. Each team usually brings in 3-6 tons of fish.

An operations control center, which is in constant radio communication with the cutters, keeps them informed of weather conditions and other pertinent data, and receives details concerning catches, favorable fishing areas, and the sighting of schools of fish. The locations and paths of such schools are plotted on special charts so that cutters going out can be directed to good fishing areas.

The Research Institute in Sassnitz examines samples from various catches for fat content, age, size, etc., and tests new equipment. Although at present, only 20 vessels are equipped with radios, in the future, all vessels will have radio facilities. Thus, radios have already been installed in the 57 new cutters (200 horsepower, 24 meters long) which are scheduled for delivery by the end of this year. Some of the cutters are also to be equipped with depth recorders.

A new, modern fish shed, located directly on the wharf in Sassnitz harbor, has been completed recently. Mechanical unloading and conveying devices have replaced hand methods and have greatly accelerated the entire handling procedure from ship to refrigerator car. Approximately 30-40 tons of fish are handled daily.

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The nearby people-owned fish-processing combine is also being expanded. Of the four sheds planned, two have been partially completed, and production has already begun.

STRALSUND FISHERIES MAKE RECORD CATCH -- Berlin, Taegliche Rundschau, 29 Mar 51

Since the beginning of 1951, 166 tons of fish have been caught by fishermen of the Stralsund Fisheries Cooperative.

In March, the largest catch per day amounted to 16 tons.

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